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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: US STATEMENT IN FIFTH
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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT DELIVERED BY AMB.
YOUNG IN FIFTH COMMITTEE OF EIGHTH SPECIAL SESSION
OF UNGA (ON UNIFIL FINANCING) APRIL 20:

BEGIN TEXT: MR. CHAIRMAN: THIS MEETING IS TAKING
PLACE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A SOUND FINANCIAL BASIS
FOR THE UNITED NATIONS INTERIM FORCE IN LEBANON,

UNIFIL. THIS PEACEKEEPING FORCE WAS ESTABLISHED FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF A MEMBER STATE, LEBANON. WE COMMEND THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR THE SWIFTNESS WITH WHICH IT ACTED IN RESPONSE TO A THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. IT RESPONDED EXPEDITIOUSLY TO AN URGENT SITUATION, PASSING RESOLUTION 425 AND 426 ESTABLISHING UNIFIL FOR AN INITIAL PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS. SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 425 WHICH MY DELEGATION HAD THE HONOR TO INTRODUCE CALLS FOR PROMPT ACTION BY A NUMBER OF PARTIES. WE COMMEND THE SECRETARY GENERAL FOR THE DISPATCH WITH WHICH HE HAS ACTED IN ORGANIZING UNIFIL. WE WOULD LIKE TO ELABORATE ON THESE MATTERS LATER IN THIS SPECIAL SESSION.

THE FIFTH COMMITTEE HAS BEFORE IT THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS INTERIM FORCE IN LEBANON CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT A/S-8/3 OF 7 APRIL 1978. MY DELEGATION HAS EXAMINED THIS REPORT CAREFULLY AND HAS EXAMINED ALSO THE REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT A/S-8/4 OF 17 APRIL 1978. WE HAVE ALSO LISTENED CAREFULLY TO THE REMARKS OF THE DISTINGUISHED CHAIRMAN OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE A FEW MOMENTS AGO. MY DELEGATION ACCEPTS THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND WILL SUPPORT THEM.

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WE ALSO WILL HAVE BEFORE US THE DRAFT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF EXPENSES FOR UNIFIL SPONSORED BY NORWAY AND OTHERS. SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 425 CALLS UPON ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW FORTHWITH FROM ALL LEBANESE TERRITORY AND ESTABLISHES UNIFIL, AS ALL DELEGATES KNOW. WE UNDERSTAND THE RESOLUTION WILL CALL UPON ISRAEL TO FULFILL ITS RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 425, SOMETHING TO WHICH WE ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE AND ARE CONFIDENT WILL RAPIDLY TAKE PLACE. THE RESOLUTION ALSO, WE UNDERSTAND, URGES ALL PARTIES TO IMPLEMENT SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 425 IN ALL ITS PARTS. WHILE WE HAVE NO SUBSTANTIVE DIFFICULTY WITH THESE ASPECTS OF THE PRESENT RESOLUTION AND RECOGNIZE THAT THEIR PRESENCE REFLECTS THE FACT THAT THIS IS A SPECIAL SESSION CONVENED IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, WE DO STATE FOR THE RECORD OUR POSITION THAT COMMITTEE 5 RESOLUTIONS SHOULD ADDRESS ONLY FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ISSUES.

AS IS WELL KNOWN, MY GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT THE COSTS OF UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS EXPENSES OF THE ORGANIZATION

TO BE BORNE BY THE MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 17,
PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE CHARTER. ALTHOUGH MY
GOVERNMENT WOULD PREFER APPORTIONMENT OF THE COSTS OF
UNIFIL ACCORDING TO THE REGULAR UN SCALE OF
ASSESSMENTS FOR 1978-79, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
IN 1973 ESTABLISHED A SPECIAL PEACE AND SECURITY SCALE
FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE COSTS OF UNEF. THIS
SCALE LATER WAS APPLIED TO THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE
COSTS OF UNDOF AND HAS BEEN USED SUBSEQUENTLY IN
FINANCING THESE OPERATIONS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE
NORWEGIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION WILL PROPOSE AN APPORTIONMENT
BASED ON THIS SCALE. MY GOVERNMENT, IN A SPIRIT

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OF COMPROMISE, IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT THIS FORMULA. WE
HOPE ALL MEMBERS LIKEWISE CAN SUPPORT IT. YOUNG

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